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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) the Applicant submits the following disclosure statement and the accompanying documents.

The Applicant has not caused a comprehensive search to have been made concerning the invention disclosed and claimed in the application; this information simply presents those items known to the Applicant which the Applicant considers material to an examination of this application.

As cited on the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation sheet, the accompanying documents include:

1. An Internet advertisement at <http://www.kingsupply.com/item28.htm> for what is called a one-eyed huskie standard propane valve wrench. This wrench is a flat plate with an opening which evidently fits over the valve at one end and a hole in the other. Apparently, the opening is placed over the valve and a 26 inch leverage rod is slipped into the hole to turn the wrench.

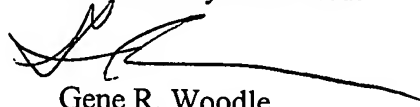
As is clear from pages 2 and 3 of the specification, the socket of the instant invention fits over the valve somewhat like a conventional socket; but contacts the valve only at the valve "shoulder" which is the sturdiest part of the valve and least likely to be damaged by contact and twisting. The instant wrench is turned by a conventional socket set handle which fits over a hex head on the top of the instant wrench. It is readily apparent that turning the socket of the instant

invention with a conventional socket handle and having the force applied normally to the valve is much superior to twisting the huskie socket with an offset leverage bar.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant believes the claims of the application to be allowable.

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